

The Nancy C. Walker Award

Nancy C. Walker was Director of School Library Media Programs in Montgomery County during the latter nineteen-sixties and seventies. A particularly distinguished leader in a line of outstanding directors, she brought the Library Media Program of Montgomery County Schools to national prominence at that time.

The award which bears her name was established by MCEMSA in 1985 to highlight the crucial role performed by administrative leaders in supporting local media centers. Without a strong cooperative relationship with its school principal, no Library Media Center can be fully effective over time.

The Walker Award honors those Principals who make Library Media skills a priority in their schools. There is no formula for winning the award, because the actions a principal takes to foster a successful LMC will be unique by definition. Creativity and leadership are the sole requirements.

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Year	Principal	School	Media Specialist
2024-2025	No Award		
2023-2024	Gregg Baron	DuFief Elementary School	Tara Eliason
2022-2023	Douglas M. Robbin	Poolesville Elementary School	Claire Ketchum
2021-2022	No Award		
2020-2021	Dr. Kimberly Williams (Cascio)	Stone Mill Elementary School	Anita Blank
2019-2020	Mr. Carl Bencal	Clarksburg Elementary School	Daria Taylor
2019-2020	Mrs. Jennifer Baker Mrs. Regina Rodriguez Mr. Jeff Leaman	Walter Johnson High School	Naomi Gelfand

2018-2019	<u>Sean McGee</u>	Wilson Wims Elementary School	Irene Allaire
2017-2018	<u>Cabell Lloyd</u>	Meadow Hall Elementary School	Amy Soldavini
2016-2017	<u>Renay Johnson & Suzanne Harvey</u>	Montgomery Blair High School	Andrea Lamphier
2015-2016	<u>Alison Serino</u>	Westland Middle School	Sarah Salnick
2014-2015	<u>Kimberly Kimber</u>	Burtonsville Elementary School	Trish Warnock-Safford
2013-2014	<u>Deborah Higdon</u>	Lakelands MS	Rui-Hung Tsai
2012-2013	Stephanie Brant	Gaithersburg ES	Jennifer Nicholson
2011-2012	Kwang-Ja “Sunny” Lee	Clarksburg ES	Daria Taylor
2010-11	Lee Derby	Cedar Grove ES	Mrs. Karina Hirschhorn
2009-10	Dr. Albert DuPont	College Gardens ES	Ms. Cyndi Kelly
2008	Susan Schenck	Travilah ES	MaryBeth Castonguay
2007	Dennis G. Queen	Kingsview MS	Debra Munley
2006	Sylvia K. Morrison	Northwest HS	Danee Wilson

2005	No Award		
2004	Dr. Barbara Haughey	Ashburton ES	Brenda Anderson
2003	Michael Headman	Rock Creek Valley ES	Connie Goodrich
2002	Alfred Sklarew	Somerset ES	Win Fox
2001	No Award		
2000	Jonathan Jones	Cabin John MS	
1999	No Award		
1998	Ray Myrtle	Somerset ES	
1997	Judy Lapping	Travilah ES	
1996	Robin Weaver	Harmony Hills ES	
1995	Judie Munter	Damascus ES	
1994	Alan Thornmeyer	Clearspring ES	
1993	Geraldine Fowlkes	Cloverly ES	
1992	Thomas E. Warren	Quince Orchard HS	

1991	No Award		
1990	Phillip Gainous	Blair HS	
1989	William Beckman	Barnsley ES	
1988	Anthony J. Paul		
1987	Laura Turner	Laytonsville ES	
1987	Thomas Marshall	Springbrook HS	
1986	Charlotte W. Chakan	Wheaton Woods ES	